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SINGAPORE PASS TO DANIEL BOORSTIN

1. FOLLOWING FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH BATSON AND, AT OUR REQUEST, BOORSTIN, POST FINDS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT PROPOSED CANDIDATE ROBIN BROOKS FOR AMERICAN CHAIR. SUGGEST NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN ON HIM.

2. UNDERSTAND ACTUAL UNIVERSITY SITUATION IN AMERICAN HAS MADE MANY POTENTIALLY GOOD CANDIDATES AVAILABLE. CANDIDATES FOR THIS EXCEPTIONALLY IMPORTANT POSITION SHOULD HAVE EITHER SOME TRUE SCHOLASTIC DISTINCTION OR ELSE BE BRILLIANT, PROMISING YOUNGER SCHOLAR WITH STRONG INTEREST IN THAILAND. REQUEST INTENSIFIED SEARCH BE MADE FOR OTHER CANDIDATES ASAP.

3. WE MUST PRESENT CHOICE OF CANDIDATES TO CHULALONGKORN. THIS WAS IN ORIGINAL PROPOSAL BETWEEN POST AND UNIVERSITY. NEED CANDIDATES SOONEST IF CHAIR IS TO BE ESTABLISHED THIS SUMMER.

4. IF EXCEPTIONAL CANDIDATE IS AVAILABLE FOR ONLY SIX MONTHS BEGINNING JUNE RATHER THAN FULL YEAR, HE WOULD RATE CONSIDERATION. KINTNER

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